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HALLOWEEN DRAWING NEAR.

Alexandria merchants are exhib-
iting Halloween devices, and mas-
k-wax candles and other contrivances
used on the last night of October are
now displayed in windows.

Halloween is of ancient origin, and
in the older countries, while the cere-
monies of the occasion have been
somewhat abridged, the spirit of the
season is by no means extinct, and
as the night of the expiring month
draws near the souls of the young
become enthused in anticipation of
the gaiety in store for them, by
mingling with Halloween parties and
participating in the many amuse-
ments of the evening. Fairies are
supposed to become active on that
night, while hobgoblins, gnomes and
other creatures of the imagination
are supposed to move about, some on
good missions, others in a spirit of
mischievousness.

In our own country in olden times
it was supposed that if a young wo-
man ate a corn cake containing a
large percentage of salt and retired
without drinking water until the next
morning the man who was destined
to marry her would appear in her
visions and offer a draught from the
old oaken bucket.

Another mode of prying into the
future was for a levy of young wo-
men to gather around a table, stick
pins several inches below the flame
of a candle and to maintain strict
silence until the tallow was consumed
down to the pins, at which juncture
the door would, it was said, be open-
ed, and the life partners of the young
women walk into the room. The trick
was generally a failure, for the rea-
son that silence was impossible under
the circumstances.

These superstitions, however, have
long since ceased to attract serious
attention, and in the day the night
is the time spent in masquerading
and dancing, both but mischievous
and harmless. In removing
tricks from windows, and pelting
stones through capings, turnips, etc.,
which have been used by the thought-
less and thoughtless.

DEATH OF POLK MILLER.

Hundreds of Alexandrians who
have enjoyed in past years the de-
lightful performance of Polk Miller,
of Richmond, on the lecture plat-
form in this city, will learn with
sorrow of his death in Richmond last
night. Less than a year ago he ap-
peared at the P. O. Auditorium in one
of his characteristic entertainments
and those who heard him then notice
ed that the years were commencing
to show on the famous old Confed-
erate. He had lost much of his old
time vim and was unable to do his
full share of the entertaining. A fe-

days ago the writer saw him in Rich-
mond and was gratified to note that
he appeared in much better health
than when he was last seen in Alex-
andria.

Polk Miller gained a world-wide
reputation as a teller of negro stories
and for his rendition of old plantation
songs. As a Confederate soldier he
came into intimate contact with the
humor and pathos of the struggle be-
tween the men of the North and the
South, and his life on an old Virginia
plantation, his remarkable ability for
retaining hundreds of little incidents
that were always interesting, and his
ability to recite in a most interest-
ing way, made him a great favorite
with the entertaining loving public
for many years. He always held a
high place in their esteem and hun-
dreds of thousands who had heard
him will regret that he is no more.

AN APPEAL FOR THE SCOUTS.

(Communicated.)

What more beautiful or appropri-
ate motto could have been chosen for
the Boy Scouts of America than, "Be
Prepared," always ready in every
emergency? I became interested in
the Boy Scouts on March 3rd and 4th,
the suffrage parade and inauguration
when they so gallantly helped in
Washington. Washington was over-
run with drunken ruffians that nearly
worried those poor little Scout Boys
to death. I saw one little fellow
hardly 12 years old, whom these
ruffs lifted him and his staff or pole
in the air. His lips trembled but he
did not and beaten back in the great
crowd, he never complained. That is
what Scout Craft teaches them. And
the wonderful things they have done
all over the land. In the great heat of
July at Gettysburg helping not only
the old veterans but visitors from all
parts of the land. In the great flood
at Portsmouth in New York city
clearing out the slums and Chinat-
owns in Yonkers, cleaning up Nep-
perham Avenue in the West getting
rid of the long-tailed moths. There
is hardly a town or city where they
have not done some good. And yet
Scout Craft is only in its infancy.
And all this wonderful work is done
with out any pay.

Every mother in the land ought to
have her sons join the Boy Scouts.
They would be better in mind and
body, make manly honest boys of
them and good disciplinarians they
would carry their virtues home to the
younger generation. These Scout
organizations ought to receive help
from all over the land, rich and poor
alike. General Baden-Powell will al-
ways be blessed by the mothers of the
land not what he did for England
but in working out in his great mind
Scout Craft and in starting the or-
ganization.

Boy Scouts started in the Boer war
when England's trained soldiers
fought a lot of school boys. Genera-
tion fought side by side. Little 13-
old J. B. B. his father and grand-
father. Such an incident had never
been heard before. Little Jan could
shoot his rifle as well as the older
men. But all he wanted to shoot was
lancers, because they had killed
burghers kneeling at prayers at El-
ouslaag. The American Scout Boy
has no use for a rifle for that pur-
pose. He carries a pole of peace,
and whenever help is wanted, he
will not be missing. In fire, flood and
flood, he has proved it so far. And
when the Scout's last call is heard,
"He will be Prepared," to meet His
God.

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offered their valuable time and
money ought to be helped in their
great undertaking. I am told it costs
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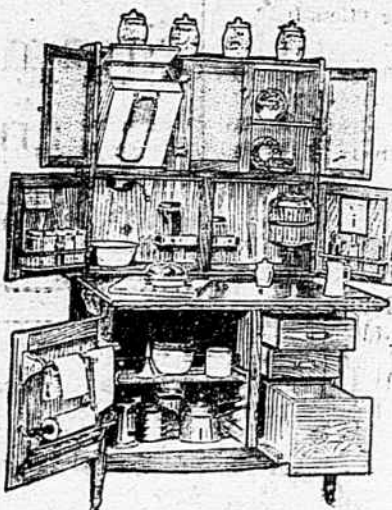
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(Affidavit)
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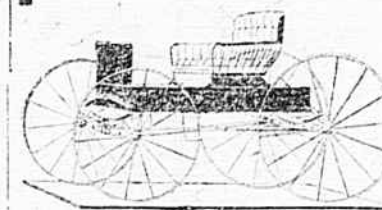
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